

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

This Amendment amends Claims 1, 3, 15 and 20. Support for the amendments is found in the specification and claims as originally filed. The amendment to Claim 1 corrects the spelling of "monoalkylnaphthalene". Support for Claim 3 is found at least on Claim 1. The amendment to Claim 15 corrects the spelling of "dialkylnaphthalene". The amendment to Claim 20 replaces a semicolon with a colon in line 2, and corrects the spelling of "monoalkylnaphthalene". No new matter would be introduced by entry of these amendments.

Upon entry of these amendments Claims 1-31 will be pending in this application. Claims 1 and 20-27 are independent.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing and reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, in light of the remarks that follow.

Claims 1, 3, 15 and 20 are amended, and a Substitute Declaration re-executed by Ajit Sapre is attached, as required by the Examiner during the telephone interview of August 26, 2003. See Interview Summary dated August 26, 2003.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Substitute Declaration

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